



Representative Helena Scott
Chair of House Energy, Communications and Technology Committee
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Re: Letter in Support of Senate Bills 271, 273, 502

Dear Representative Scott and Members of the House Energy, Communications and Technology Committee:

I'm writing to ask for your support for Senate Bills 271, 273 and 502 that will strengthen Michigan's policy framework to expand the adoption of renewable energy in Michigan, that will save homeowners and business money and supports a clean environment.

Specifically, the Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association (GLREA) supports:

- Senate Bill 271 sponsored by Senator Erika Geiss, that increases the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) to 50% to be achieved by 2030, 60% by 2035 and a 100% Clean Energy Standard by 2040. The Renewable Portfolio Standard was first established in 2008 and then increased in 2016. It has been proven to be a successful policy tool to expand the use of renewable energy in Michigan that has created new jobs and promotes a clean environment.

Included in SB 271 is language to increase the Distributed Generation Cap from 1% (that has been law since 2008) to 10%. This will ensure for many years to come, that homeowners and business will continue to have the right to install their own solar energy system, as an alternative to purchasing very expensive utility electricity.

- Senate Bill 273 sponsored by Senator Sam Singh, expands the Energy Waste and Reduction program that promotes energy efficiency to reduce energy consumption, therefore saving families money on their energy expenditures. This bill raises the requirement from 1% savings to 1.5% with additional incentives for the utilities to hit 2%. This program has proven to be very successful and should be expanded.
- Senate Bill 502 sponsored by Senator Sue Shink, enables the Michigan Public Service Commission to promote the public interest of all rate payers by taking into consideration such factors as public health considerations, environmental justice impacts, Climate Change considerations and compliance with state renewable energy goals, when evaluating Integrated Resource Plans submitted for review by the utilities.

The Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association (GLREA) is an association of renewable energy businesses that install solar and geothermal energy systems, and individuals that support renewable energy.

The market for solar energy has grown quite simply because it saves homeowners and business money on their energy costs, offers an alternative from having to buy electricity from the utilities and promotes a clean environment.

Thank you for consideration and support.

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